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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FRENCH INSTRUCTION ON THE SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, 1939.

Appointments and Transfers

Sister St. Paul (Miss Berthe Renaud), B.A., formerly on the staff of St. Pierre School, Ottawa, was appointed instructress in the University of Ottawa Normal School.

The following transfers were made for the school year 1939-40:

Mr. Roger Saint-Denis, M.A., of the University of Ottawa Normal School staff, became inspector for R.C. Separate Division XX and Prescott and Russell No. 2.

Mr. Falconio Choquette, B.A., was transferred from R.C. Separate Division XX and Prescott and Russell No. 2 to R.C. Separate Division XIX and District Division XII, Part II.

Mr. Adélard Gascon, B.A., formerly inspector for R.C. Separate Division XIX and District Division XII, Part II, was transferred for the year to the teaching staff of the University of Ottawa Normal School.

Normal School Masters and School Inspectors agree that such an exchange of work for one year will be highly beneficial to them in the performance of their regular duties. It is hoped that this practice may be continued until all French-speaking School Inspectors will have had at least one year's experience on the teaching staff of the Normal School and every Normal School Master, at least a year in the field of inspection.

Training of Teachers—Improvement in Qualifications

In 1938-39, there were 179 teachers-in-training at the University of Ottawa Normal School, 28 of whom were enrolled in the First Class course, and 151 in the Second Class course. As a result of the term and final examinations, 24 students were awarded First Class teachers' certificates and 129 obtained Second Class certificates.

The following table shows the number and percentage of Ontario elementary school French-speaking teachers holding First or Second Class certificates in November, 1939, and the progress made in this regard since 1929.

	1929	1937	1938	1939
Total number of French-speaking teachers in Elementary Schools	1,087	1,281	1,316	1,390
Number of above teachers holding I or II Class certificates	273	1,018	1,135	1,271
Percentage of French-speaking teachers holding I or II Class certificates	25.11	79.46	86.24	91.43

Age-Grade Distribution of Pupils in Elementary Schools

The following tables present a compilation of the French-speaking School Inspectors' Annual Age-Grade Summary Reports for May, 1939:—

TABLE No. 1

AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1939

(A) Separate and Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	157	2,610	3,630	1,588	556	214	103	49	32	9	1	2	.....	.....	.....	8,955	18.16
II	.....	1	73	1,549	2,715	1,567	736	299	127	51	25	4	1	.....	.....	.....	7,148	14.49
III	.....	.....	3	165	1,360	2,129	1,509	790	378	209	66	20	.....	2	.....	.....	6,631	13.45
IV	.....	.....	.....	5	168	1,143	1,927	1,460	938	460	193	63	6	.....	1	.....	6,364	12.90
V	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	231	1,082	1,629	1,348	938	453	149	34	4	.....	.....	5,883	11.93
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	246	1,004	1,445	1,237	750	358	68	7	1	.....	5,136	10.41
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	284	885	1,205	887	536	148	36	2	.....	4,018	8.15
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	292	844	1,058	783	345	66	7	.....	3,436	6.97
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	109	275	278	142	59	14	.....	893	1.81
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	112	182	166	86	15	3	587	1.19
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	5	27	47	73	78	21	3	.....	.....	268	.54
Grand Totals	4	158	2,686	5,349	5,846	5,650	5,760	5,615	5,507	5,152	3,901	2,452	933	263	40	3	49,319	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade. As the school census is taken near the end of the school year, the ideal age spread has been moved forward one year from that shown in former reports.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	59	549	784	448	191	79	46	19	18	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2,200	
	Girls	4	60	478	709	321	104	43	23	16	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,766	3,966
II	Boys	.....	.....	17	250	558	384	211	94	49	18	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,595	
	Girls	.....	1	17	300	528	289	138	53	22	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,359	2,954
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	22	203	412	371	195	124	70	23	7	.....	1	.....	.....	1,428	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	39	274	382	285	126	63	32	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	1,211	2,639
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	178	396	368	249	134	51	13	1	.....	.....	.....	1,419	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	2	46	253	389	277	149	66	26	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,211	2,630
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	24	160	296	289	206	120	22	8	1	.....	.....	1,129	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	67	241	329	238	148	55	8	2	1	.....	.....	1,094	2,223
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	33	153	240	239	170	64	14	.....	.....	.....	915	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	57	227	309	250	121	31	2	.....	.....	.....	1,002	1,917
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	36	136	195	162	82	22	3	.....	.....	641	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	70	205	266	142	53	9	.....	.....	.....	757	1,398
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	32	127	163	156	55	12	2	.....	551	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13	69	215	226	140	35	12	3	.....	714	1,265
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	27	31	19	8	2	.....	97	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	25	54	39	20	2	.....	.....	144	241
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	12	13	5	2	.....	38	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	36	32	11	4	.....	108	146
Totals By Sexes	Boys	.....	59	566	1,056	1,241	1,191	1,255	1,192	1,138	1,018	738	388	134	30	6	1	10,013	
	Girls	4	61	496	1,050	1,174	1,100	1,166	1,118	1,075	1,014	658	315	100	27	7	1	9,366	
Grand Totals	.....	4	120	1,062	2,106	2,415	2,291	2,421	2,310	2,213	2,032	1,396	703	234	57	13	2	.....	19,379

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	15	772	1,140	480	154	61	24	9	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,663	
	Girls	.....	23	811	997	339	107	31	10	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,326	4,989
II	Boys	.....	.....	22	423	844	556	226	104	41	15	6	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2,240	
	Girls	.....	.....	17	576	785	338	161	48	15	11	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,954	4,194
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	30	363	662	481	298	136	70	30	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,077	
	Girls	.....	.....	2	74	520	673	372	171	55	37	9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,915	3,992
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	1	29	283	522	417	299	160	78	37	3	.....	.....	.....	1,829	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	2	64	429	620	398	241	100	38	10	2	.....	1	.....	1,905	3,734
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	70	294	472	415	331	190	79	20	2	.....	.....	1,877	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	70	387	532	406	253	88	40	4	.....	.....	.....	1,783	3,660
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	46	254	421	382	269	158	40	7	1	.....	1,587	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	110	370	475	366	190	105	12	.....	.....	.....	1,632	3,219
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	62	209	356	287	244	86	27	2	.....	1,279	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	116	335	388	296	157	31	6	.....	.....	1,341	2,620
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	94	253	278	255	138	29	.....	.....	1,055	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	97	249	391	232	117	13	2	.....	1,116	2,171
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	36	57	84	52	29	8	.....	276	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	38	137	124	51	20	4	.....	376	652
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	34	52	41	31	4	1	176	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	50	82	80	39	5	.....	265	441
Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	1	18	25	44	63	20	3	.....	.....	184	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	9	22	29	15	1	.....	.....	.....	84	268
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	15	794	1,594	1,720	1,737	1,643	1,640	1,653	1,647	1,274	981	401	128	15	1	15,243	.....
	Girls	.....	23	830	1,649	1,711	1,622	1,696	1,665	1,641	1,473	1,231	768	298	78	12	.....	14,697	.....
GRAND TOTALS	.....	.....	38	1,624	3,243	3,431	3,359	3,339	3,305	3,294	3,120	2,505	1,749	699	206	27	1	.....	29,940

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(B) Separate Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	128	2409	3,327	1,442	497	194	95	45	28	9	1	2	.....	.....	.....	8,181	17.95
II	.....	1	62	1443	2,529	1,441	662	265	115	47	22	4	1	.....	.....	.....	6,592	14.46
III	.....	.....	3	146	1,269	1,976	1,368	724	338	187	63	18	.....	1	.....	.....	6,093	13.37
IV	.....	.....	.....	5	157	1,069	1,777	1,335	849	424	177	60	6	.....	1	.....	5,860	12.86
V	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	217	1,002	1,505	1,244	853	414	141	31	4	.....	.....	5,426	11.90
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	233	942	1,356	1,137	679	336	63	7	1	.....	4,774	10.47
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	259	827	1,119	836	502	141	36	2	.....	3,749	8.23
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35	278	790	987	714	319	62	7	.....	3,193	7.01
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	108	274	272	141	59	14	.....	883	1.94
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	109	179	162	85	15	3	576	1.26
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	5	22	43	71	73	21	3	.....	.....	252	.55
Grand Totals	4	129	2,474	4,921	5,412	5,224	5,274	5,166	5,091	4,756	3,641	2,300	887	257	40	3	45,579	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	50	477	643	383	156	66	41	16	15	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,854	
	Girls	4	46	420	609	261	88	36	20	15	4	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,506	3,360
II	Boys	.....	.....	10	227	479	333	181	73	40	16	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,372	
	Girls	.....	1	15	266	469	242	109	44	19	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,173	2,545
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	13	179	356	316	165	100	61	21	7	.....	1	.....	.....	1,219	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	33	246	325	243	108	54	27	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,042	2,261
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	156	347	324	204	110	44	12	1	.....	.....	.....	1,224	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	2	39	220	329	235	129	60	24	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,041	2,265
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	21	138	257	255	179	97	20	7	1	.....	.....	978	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	60	204	286	201	121	49	7	2	1	.....	.....	936	1,914
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	28	133	220	207	137	54	10	.....	.....	.....	791	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	55	206	271	212	108	30	2	.....	.....	.....	889	1,680
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	29	122	175	147	70	19	3	.....	.....	568	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	55	179	229	126	48	9	.....	.....	.....	653	1,221
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	25	111	146	138	53	9	2	.....	486	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	64	188	195	117	30	12	3	.....	621	1,107
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	27	29	19	8	2	.....	95	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	25	54	36	20	2	.....	.....	141	236
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	12	13	5	2	1	38	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	35	31	11	4	1	105	143
Totals By Sexes	Boys	.....	50	487	883	1,070	1,024	1,079	1,024	982	885	640	343	124	27	6	1	8,625	
	Girls	4	47	436	910	1,020	940	984	965	936	871	587	279	94	26	7	1	8,107	16,732
Grand Totals	.....	4	97	923	1,793	2,090	1,964	2,063	1,989	1,918	1,756	1,227	622	218	53	13	2	16,732	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

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(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	13	736	1,108	466	150	61	24	9	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,575	
	Girls	.....	19	776	967	332	103	31	10	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,246	4,821
II	Boys	.....	.....	21	399	815	539	220	100	41	15	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2,158	
	Girls	.....	.....	16	551	766	327	152	48	15	11	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,889	4,047
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	28	346	642	456	285	129	66	30	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,989	
	Girls	.....	.....	2	72	498	653	353	166	55	33	9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,843	3,832
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	1	29	278	506	400	283	155	72	35	3	.....	.....	.....	1,762	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	2	63	415	595	376	233	99	37	10	2	.....	1	.....	1,833	3,595
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	68	286	455	399	314	185	74	18	2	.....	.....	1,805	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	68	374	507	389	239	83	40	4	.....	.....	.....	1,707	3,512
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	45	245	409	367	259	151	39	7	1	.....	1,532	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	105	358	456	351	175	101	12	.....	.....	.....	1,562	3,094
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	60	202	345	277	236	82	27	2	.....	1,237	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	115	324	370	286	148	31	6	.....	.....	1,291	2,528
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	94	252	267	240	126	28	.....	.....	1,015	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	95	239	379	219	110	13	2	.....	1,071	2,086
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	36	57	83	52	29	8	.....	274	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	37	136	124	50	20	4	.....	373	647
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	33	51	41	31	4	1	174	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	49	81	77	38	5	.....	259	433
JR. AUXILIARY CLASSES	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	1	13	21	42	58	20	3	.....	.....	168	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	9	22	29	15	1	.....	.....	.....	84	252
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	13	757	1,536	1,660	1,689	1,587	1,578	1,589	1,590	1,228	937	382	127	15	1	14,689	
	Girls	.....	19	494	1,592	1,662	1,571	1,624	1,599	1,584	1,410	1,186	741	287	77	12	.....	14,158	28,847
GRAND TOTALS	.....	.....	32	1,551	3,128	3,322	3,260	3,211	3,177	3,173	3,000	2,414	1,678	669	204	27	1	28,847	.....

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(C) Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	29	201	303	146	59	20	8	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	774	20.70
II	.....	11	106	186	126	74	34	12	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	556	14.87
III	.....	.....	19	91	153	141	66	40	22	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	538	14.39
IV	.....	.....	.....	11	74	150	125	89	36	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	504	13.46
V	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	80	124	104	85	39	8	3	.....	.....	.....	457	12.22
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	62	89	100	71	22	5	.....	.....	.....	362	9.68
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	25	58	86	51	34	7	.....	.....	.....	269	7.19
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	14	54	71	69	26	4	.....	.....	243	6.50
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	6	1	.....	.....	.....	10	.27
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	4	1	.....	.....	11	.29
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.43
Grand Totals	29	212	428	434	426	486	449	416	396	260	142	46	6	.....	.....	3,740	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	9	72	141	65	35	13	5	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	346	
	Girls	14	58	100	60	16	7	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	260	606
II	Boys	.....	7	23	79	51	30	21	9	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	223	
	Girls	.....	2	34	59	47	29	9	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	186	409
III	Boys	.....	.....	9	24	56	55	30	24	9	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209	
	Girls	.....	.....	6	28	57	42	18	9	5	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	169	378
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	3	22	49	44	45	24	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	195	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	7	33	60	42	20	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	365
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	39	34	27	23	2	1	.....	.....	.....	151	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	37	43	37	27	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	158	309
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	20	20	32	33	10	4	.....	.....	.....	124	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	21	38	38	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	237
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	14	20	15	12	3	.....	.....	.....	73	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	15	26	37	16	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	177
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	16	17	18	2	3	.....	.....	65	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	27	31	23	5	.....	.....	.....	93	158
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	3	3
Totals By Sexes	Boys	9	79	173	171	167	176	168	156	133	98	45	10	3	.....	.....	1,388	
	Girls	14	60	140	154	160	182	153	139	143	71	36	6	1	.....	.....	1,259	2,647
Grand Totals	.....	23	139	313	325	327	358	321	295	276	169	81	16	4	.....	.....	2,647	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	2	36	32	14	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	
	Girls	4	35	30	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	168
II	Boys	.....	1	24	29	17	6	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	
	Girls	.....	1	25	19	11	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	147
III	Boys	.....	.....	2	17	20	25	13	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	
	Girls	.....	.....	2	22	20	19	5	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	160
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	16	17	16	5	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	1	14	25	22	8	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	139
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	8	17	16	17	5	5	2	.....	.....	.....	72	
	Girls				.....	2	13	25	17	14	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	148
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	12	15	10	7	1	.....	.....	.....	55	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	12	19	15	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	125
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	11	10	8	4	.....	.....	.....	42	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	11	18	10	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	92
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	15	12	1	.....	.....	40	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	10	12	13	7	.....	.....	.....	45	85
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	5
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	6	8
Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	2	37	58	60	48	56	62	64	57	46	44	19	1	.....	.....	554	
	Girls	4	36	57	49	51	72	66	57	63	45	27	11	1	.....	.....	539	
GRAND TOTALS	.....	6	73	115	109	99	128	128	121	120	91	71	30	2	.....	.....	1,093	1,093

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

TABLE No. 2

ANALYSIS OF AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO IDEAL AGE SPREAD IN ELEMENTARY RURAL AND URBAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1939

(A) Separate and Public Schools

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	161	1.80	7,828	87.41	966	10.79
II	74	1.03	5,831	81.58	1,243	17.39
III	168	2.53	4,998	75.38	1,465	22.09
IV	173	2.72	4,530	71.18	1,661	26.10
V	246	4.20	4,059	69.03	1,577	26.77
VI	266	5.18	3,686	71.77	1,184	23.05
VII	319	7.94	2,977	74.09	722	17.97
VIII	333	9.69	2,685	78.14	418	12.17
IX	125	14.00	695	77.82	73	8.18
X	135	23.00	434	73.93	18	3.07
Totals	2,001	4.08	37,725	76.91	9,325	19.01

NOTE:—The 268 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary classes are not included in the above table.

(B) Separate Schools

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	132	1.61	7,178	87.74	871	10.65
II	63	.96	5,413	82.11	1,116	16.93
III	149	2.45	4,613	75.71	1,331	21.84
IV	162	2.76	4,181	71.35	1,517	25.89
V	232	4.27	3,751	69.13	1,443	26.60
VI	253	5.30	3,435	71.95	1,086	22.75
VII	286	7.63	2,782	74.21	681	18.16
VIII	314	9.84	2,491	78.01	388	12.15
IX	123	13.93	687	77.80	73	8.27
X	132	22.92	426	73.96	18	3.12
Totals	1,846	4.07	34,957	77.12	8,524	18.81

NOTE:—The 252 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary classes are not included in the above table.

(C) Public Schools

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	29	3.75	650	83.98	95	12.27
II	11	1.98	418	75.18	127	22.84
III	19	3.53	385	71.56	134	24.91
IV	11	2.18	349	69.25	144	28.57
V	14	3.06	308	67.40	135	29.54
VI	13	3.59	251	69.34	98	27.07
VII	33	12.27	195	72.49	41	15.24
VIII	19	7.82	194	79.83	30	12.35
IX	2	20.00	8	80.00	.....	.....
X	3	27.27	8	72.73	.....	.....
Totals	154	4.14	2,766	74.27	804	21.59

NOTE:—The 16 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary classes are not included in the above table.

TABLE No. 3

GRADE-ENROLMENT DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1939

(A) Separate and Public Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I–IV	12,189	62.90	16,909	56.48	29,098	59.00
V–VIII	6,803	35.10	11,670	38.98	18,473	37.46
IX–X	387	2.00	1,093	3.65	1,480	3.00
Auxiliary	.....	.....	268	.89	268	.54

(B) Separate Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I–IV	10,431	62.34	16,295	56.49	26,726	58.64
V–VIII	5,922	35.40	11,220	38.89	17,142	37.61
IX–X	379	2.26	1,080	3.75	1,459	3.20
Auxiliary	.....	.....	252	.87	252	.55

(C) Public Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I–IV	1,758	66.41	614	56.18	2,372	63.42
V–VIII	881	33.28	450	41.17	1,331	35.59
IX–X	8	.31	13	1.19	21	.56
Auxiliary	.....	.....	16	1.46	16	.43

The following excerpts from French-speaking inspectors' reports could very well apply to the general progress which was achieved during the last few years in regard to grade-enrolment distribution in the schools attended by French-speaking pupils:—

It is worthy of note that the percentage of repeaters in this school has dropped from 27 per cent. to 19 per cent. of the total enrolment since 1937. (Inspector's report on a three-roomed school in Eastern Ontario.)

The percentage of pupils who are beyond the ideal age spread in the various grades is steadily decreasing. Such pupils are now rapidly moving into the higher grades, while the lower grades are now being kept comparatively free of repeaters. The percentage of such pupils has dropped from 31 per cent. to 24 per cent. since last year, and there are possibilities of further decrease within the next year or so. This more normal promotion of pupils from grade to grade has greatly equalized the distribution of pupils in the lower classes and has considerably increased the enrolment in all the higher grades. I am particularly pleased with the good training that the younger pupils are being given in French conversation, French reading, and English conversation in the primary class. I note also improvement in the oral and written English of Grades III and IV. (Inspector's report on a six-roomed village school in Eastern Ontario.)

It is interesting to compare in the following table the grade-enrolment distribution for the years 1937 and 1939 in all Ontario Separate Schools attended by French speaking pupils:—

Separate Schools

Grade	1937		1939	
	Number	Per cent.	Number	Per cent.
I	12,315	27.80	8,181	17.95
II	6,189	13.97	6,592	14.46
III	3,362	7.59	6,093	13.37
IV	4,768	10.56	5,860	12.86
V	5,246	11.84	5,426	11.90
VI	4,430	10.00	4,774	10.47
VII	3,416	7.72	3,749	8.23
VIII	3,018	6.81	3,193	7.01
IX	795	1.79	883	1.94
X	662	1.49	576	1.26
Auxiliary	192	.43	252	.55
Totals	44,303	.....	45,579	.....

Such progress within the short period of two or three years is very encouraging. Continued effort will be necessary, however, to bring about the desired age-grade distribution of pupils and to check the excessive drop in enrolment in the senior grades of the elementary school.

Libraries in Public and Separate Schools Attended by French-speaking Pupils

The following figures, taken from the inspectoral returns, show the remarkable expansion of school libraries in the last few years:—

	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
Number of books purchased	6,874	8,384	13,366	30,451

	June 1938	June 1939
Total number of books in school libraries	124,675	155,126
Estimated value of books in school libraries	$52,947	$69,177

Elementary school boards, teachers and inspectors are to be commended for these splendid results. A good school library is an important educational agency.

Secondary School Classes

The following table shows the number of French-speaking pupils enrolled in December 1939 in the advanced French courses of Collegiate Institutes, High, Continuation, and Vocational Schools under Departmental supervision:—

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	Total
Number enrolled	392	235	203	130	67	1,027

In December 1938, the total enrolment in French-speaking provincially-controlled secondary school classes was 839. This increase of 188 students—

22 per cent. of the 1938 enrolment—is quite promising. However, while approximately 2,000 students are also pursuing their studies in Grades IX and X of the elementary schools or in private institutions, it is evident that much remains to be done throughout the province in order to raise the percentage of the French-speaking secondary school enrolment from 6 or 7 per cent. to at least 18 or 20 per cent. of the total French-speaking school enrolment.

It is hoped that teachers and inspectors will continue their successful effort in that regard and that elementary school pupils will realize more and more the importance of availing themselves of the splendid opportunities this province offers in secondary and university education.

Provincial Contest

The finals of the second annual provincial contest among the Grade VIII French-speaking pupils were held in Ottawa on May 19th, 1939. Twenty-two contestants—the winning boy and the winning girl from each of the eleven French-speaking inspectorates—took part in this final competition. The four provincial winners, who were awarded secondary school scholarships, were as follows:

1st boy: Michel Masson, 13, Garneau School, Ottawa;
1st girl: Suzanne Rinfret, 13, St-Pierre School, Ottawa;
2nd boy: Raymond Gélinas, 14, R.C.S.S. No. 1, Caldwell, Verner;
2nd girl: Pauline Larocque, 12, Sacré-Coeur School, Hawkesbury.

Besides drawing parents and teachers into closer co-operation, these annual contests awaken interest, and encourage the pupils to undertake and complete their secondary school education.

A New Approach to French Reading

In September 1939, a new pre-primer in French, entitled *Frou-Frou et Fin-Fin*, was introduced in Grade I classes attended by French-speaking pupils. A teacher's manual to accompany the new reader was also prepared and distributed to the teaching staff.

While the method advocated in this book constitutes an innovation in the schools attended by French-speaking pupils in Canada, it has been used quite extensively in France in recent years and has been, since 1936, the only method recommended for the teaching of French reading in Grade I classes by the Department of Education of Belgium. Briefly stated, this method, known as *méthode globale*, consists in presenting a word or a short sentence as reading assignment instead of proceeding from syllables or letters. In teaching a pupil to read, the teacher is thus following the same natural method which the parents have used in teaching their child to speak. Coloured illustrations and well directed conversational exercises enable the child to discover for himself the short story which he is called upon to read. Rapid progress in the reading lessons is ensured by a scientifically graded vocabulary and frequent repetitions.

Instead of beginning his school career by facing a great number of unknown isolated symbols or being asked to repeat syllables which are meaningless, the child is led to discover expressions that he has already used orally and which recall past experiences to his mind. The main difference, therefore, between the old alphabetical or the syllabic approach to reading and the *méthode globale* consists in transferring to the thought and sentiment contained in the reading matter the importance given heretofore to phonic elements.

The study of phonics is not abandoned; it is postponed for a few weeks while the dangers of its dullness are attenuated. In the course of his second month at school, the pupil begins to analyse certain words and syllables into their component parts and to construct new words by means of these elements. This is the stage at which phonetic analysis, during brief periods at first, begins to lend assistance to the word and sentence method. Until the pupil has mastered the mechanics of reading, the two methods are carried on together, the study of phonics gradually increasing in importance and the *méthode globale* retaining its place of honour to maintain the child's interest and to ensure continued expressive reading.

At the end of the year, a thorough survey was made to ascertain the value of this new method in the schools. Reports were received from all French-speaking Grade I teachers and from the inspectors. Briefly summarized, these reports show that the large majority of primary teachers commend highly the effectiveness of the new approach to French reading. The inevitable hesitation with which some members of the teaching staff accepted this new method soon gave way to enthusiastic approval in view of the rapid progress made by their pupils.

In the light of these very successful results obtained with *Frou-Frou et Fin-Fin*, it is hoped that eventually a complete series of new readers in French will be developed in this province. In so doing, more stress should be laid, in the pupil's book, on the selection of appropriate reading matter appealing to the interests of the child, on coloured illustration so useful for oral language exercises, and on a carefully graded vocabulary. Drill exercises on the mechanics of reading, which have too long been prominent in some readers, should be relegated to a Teacher's Manual along with the methodology of the subject.

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